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SFRTA PUTS SECURITY TEAM TO THE TEST

Security and security-related issues are an ongoing concern for transit agencies across the nation. On June 15, 2006, a joint exercise was conducted in Pompano Beach by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Wackenhut Corporation, Herzog Transit Services Inc., Amtrak, the Broward County Sheriff's Office and additional law enforcement agencies. In accordance with Federal Railroad Administration Emergency Preparedness

Regulations, the SFRTA is required to conduct a full-scale exercise once every two years.

This year's exercise scenario involved a local terrorist organization conducting coordinated attacks on area transit systems. The event tested response actions to improvised explosive devices placed on the train, as well as a hostage situation with multiple armed assailants. The goal was to evaluate onboard and external responses, as well as internal procedures. The exercise was a tremendous success in terms of lessons learned during the drill, as well as during the subsequent debriefing. A much larger terrorist drill, involving multiple transit, law enforcement and emergency response agencies, is being planned for fall 2006.



A mock emergency response was recently conducted to ensure passenger safety and security.

DUMP THE PUMP CONTEST WINNERS

Last month, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail participated in the American Public Transportation Association's National Dump the Pump Day to encourage residents to leave their vehicles at home and use public transportation. The SFRTA/Tri-Rail offered free rides onboard Tri-Rail for June 8, as well as the chance for 10 lucky people to win free Monthly tickets for July.

Congratulations to the July winners: Maria Gomez, Maria Grant, Abraham Grungold, Wayne Kolbeck, Kirk Joseph Lambert, Annette L. Robinson, Mary Roundtree, Allison Shein, Rod Shrader and Jeffrey Stuhr.



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onboard

The latest news from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach counties.

MIAMI HEAT GENERATES RECORD RIDERSHIP FOR TRI-RAIL

It was a scene more reminiscent of the Tokyo subway system than a normal day on Tri-Rail, when thousands of Miami Heat fans flooded train stations and headed to Downtown Miami to celebrate the team's landmark NBA victory.

It also turned out to be a banner day for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority – the entity responsible for operating Tri-Rail. More passengers rode Tri-Rail on Friday, June 23, 2006, than on any other single day in the 17-year history of the commuter rail system. Tri-Rail carried 18,452 passengers, surpassing the previous record of 15,961 on February 15, 1995, when Tri-Rail offered free rides to celebrate Valentine's Day.

"We are delighted that people heard the message that public transportation was the way to go to celebrate with Heat fans from the entire region," said SFRTA Executive Director Joseph Giuliatti. "Now that people have experienced Tri-Rail, we hope they will continue to consider it as an alternative to being stuck in traffic and to the high cost of filling their gas tanks."

Tri-Rail recently enhanced its service from 30 to 40 trains a day and was posting ridership increases of more than 20 percent in June, even before the record-breaking day. With monthly tickets starting



at just \$40, Tri-Rail is the perfect way to beat the high cost of gas and the stress of commuting on the increasingly congested South Florida roadways. For more information, call 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) or log onto www.tri-rail.com.

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EL MIAMI HEAT GENERA RECORD DE PASAJEROS PARA EL TRI-RAIL

Era una escena que se parecía mas al sistema de trenes subterráneos de Tokyo, que un día normal en Tri-Rail, cuando miles de fanáticos del Miami Heat inundaron las estaciones de tren y se dirigieron al Downtown de Miami para celebrar la memorable victoria del equipo en la NBA.

También resultó ser un día singular para la Autoridad de Transporte Regional del Sur de la Florida - la entidad responsable de operar el Tri-Rail. Mas pasajeros utilizaron el Tri-Rail el viernes 3 de junio del 2006 que ningún otro día en los 17 años de historia del sistema de tren de pasajeros. Tri-Rail transportó 18,452 pasajeros, sobrepasando el record anterior de 15,961 marcado el 15 de febrero de 1995, cuando Tri-Rail ofreció viajes gratuitos para celebrar el Día de San Valentín.

“Estamos muy complacidos de que la gente haya escuchado el mensaje de que el transporte público era la manera de ir y celebrar con los fanáticos de los Heat de toda la región”, dijo el Director Ejecutivo del SFRTA, Joseph Giulietti. “Ahora que la gente ha experimentado el sistema, esperamos que continuarán considerandolo como una alternativa a quedarse atascado en el tráfico y al alto costo de llenar sus tanques de gasolina”.

Recientemente, Tri-Rail mejoró su servicio de 30 a 40 trenes al día y estaba mostrando aumentos en el número de pasajeros de mas del 20 porciento en junio, aun antes del día que rompió el record. Con boletos mensuales que empiezan desde los \$40, Tri-Rail es la manera perfecta de vencer el alto costo de la gasolina y el estrés de tener que viajar en las cada vez mas congestionadas carreteras del Sur de la Florida. Para mayor información, llamar al 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) o conéctese al www.tri-rail.com.

MIAMI HEAT JENERE RECORD NOMBRE DE VOYAGEURS POU TRI-RAIL

Le te plis sanble yon scène nan yon Subway Tokyo olye yon jou normal sou Tri Rail la, le youn mil fanatik Miami Heat anvayi stasyon tren a et desann nan Downtown Miami pou fete viktwa ékipe la.

Aussi, le te un jou bannière pour South Florida Regional Transportation Authority-konpanyi a ki responsab pour Tri Rail la.

Plis pasaje te monte Tri Rail la Vandredi, 23 Jen 2006 ke nepòt lotre jou nan Istwa de 17 ans comuter rail sistém la. Tri Rail te porte 18,452 pasaje, surpassement record précédent de 15,961 sou 15 Fevriye 1995, le Tri Rail te ofri tour gratis pou selebre Valentine's Day.

“Nous te contant ki moun yo te tande ki transportation public te pi bon fason pou ale selebre avec fanatik Heat yo nan zon la,” on dire SFRTA Directeur Exécutif Joseph Giulietti. “Kounye-a ki moun

mwa Jen, menm avan gro jou a. Avek biye pou mwa pou seul \$40, Tri Rail la cest pi bon jan pou bat wo pri gaz e tansyon monte desann yo sou rout konjeste nan South Florida. Pou plis enformasyon, rele nan 1-800-Tri-Rail(874-7245) ou ale nan www.trirail.com



eksperyans sistém la, nous espere y'ap Kontinye monte tren a kom yon alternative à egzistans en trafik et pou bat wo pri gaz.

Tri-Rail fek amelyore sevis yo a 30 a 40 kapab kouri pajou et kantite moun ki pran tren a akselere plis ke 20 pousan nan

GO & KNOW

Beginning this month, “Onboard” will answer questions submitted by passengers. If there is something you have been curious about concerning the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority or Tri-Rail, submit your question to MarketingResponse@sfrrta.fl.gov. Questions will be answered at the discretion of the SFRTA, and are subject to editing.

What does the P in P602 stand for?
P is the designation CSX Transportation assigns to passenger trains.

How many miles to the gallon do Tri-Rail trains get?
Tri-Rail doesn't get miles per gallon; the trains use gallons per mile. This varies from 3.2 gallons to the mile to 2.0 gallons to the mile; however, the new locomotives and Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs) are more fuel-efficient.

How do you decide which trains get four cars?
At the present time, we have 26 cars and operate eight sets in regular service; therefore, we can only have three cars per set with two out for maintenance or repair.

Which is the busiest Tri-Rail station?
The Metrorail Transfer Station is the busiest, with the Miami Airport, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach stations following.

What are the new strips with tape on them in place over some of the trains' windows?

These tape strips are part of the new onboard security camera system. In case of an emergency, a passenger can touch the strip to activate notification to the train crew or security officers.

When are the new DMUs coming?
We anticipate operating our first set of DMUs sometime this summer.



New Tri-Rail locomotive.

SFRTA ELECTS NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Board of Directors of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority elected Broward County Commissioner Jim Scott as chair, and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Bruno Barreiro as vice chair at the SFRTA Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, June 23, 2006.



Jim Scott

Commissioner Scott joined the SFRTA Board in December 2004. He became a Broward County Commissioner on December 12, 2000, after he was appointed by Florida Governor Jeb Bush to fill a vacancy on the county commission. In November 2002, he was elected to serve as the District 4 Commissioner. A Broward County resident since 1965, Commissioner Scott is a practicing attorney and a founding partner of Tripp, Scott Law Firm in Fort Lauderdale. He is a member of the Florida, Kentucky and American Bar associations and the Broward and South Palm Beach County Bar associations. He is a member of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce and the University of Kentucky Law Alumni Association.

Commissioner Scott served as attorney for the Broward County Legislative Delegation from 1972 - 1974 and was a member of the founding board of directors and treasurer of the Legal Aid Society of Broward County. He became an Associate Municipal Judge in Deerfield Beach and served as a prosecutor for that city from 1973 – 1976.

In 1976, Commissioner Scott was elected to the Florida Senate, where he served for more than 24 years. His distinguished career in the Florida Legislature led to the presidency of the Senate in 1994. As Broward County Commissioner, he has served on the South Florida Regional Planning Council from 2002 - 2004 and he currently serves as the Broward County representative for the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Commissioner Scott also serves as chair of the Airport and Seaport Development Select Committee, as well as the Boards, Agencies and County Administration Budget Committee. Additionally, he serves on the Community Services II Budget Committee (mass transit, animal care, extension education and consumer affairs); Downtown Government Campus Select Committee; Finance Budget Committee and Judicial Court Complex Select Committee.



Bruno A. Barreiro

Commissioner Barreiro served on the Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority Board of Directors from November 2000 to July 2003, and served as vice chair from July 2001 to July 2002 and chair from July 2002 to July 2003. He was elected to the Miami-Dade County Commission, representing District 5, in June 1998 and was reelected in August 2004. Commissioner Barreiro's district includes portions of Miami and Miami Beach, as well as the communities of Little Havana, South Beach and Downtown Miami.

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1992, Commissioner Barreiro represented District 107 until his election to the Miami-Dade County Commission. Commissioner Barreiro now serves as chair of Miami-Dade County's General Obligation Bond Committee and the Office of Public Transportation Management Subcommittee, as well as vice-chair of the Internal Management and Fiscal Responsibility Committee.



Palm Tran staff proudly accepts their CTAA award. From left to right: CONNECTION Planner Lou Ferri; CONNECTION Assistant Director, Ron Jones; Executive Director Chuck Cohen and CONNECTION Financial Analyst John Coons

PALM TRAN RECOGNIZED WITH NATIONAL AWARD

The Community Transportation Association of America presented Palm Tran with its “Urban Community Transportation System of the Year” Award at their annual dinner on June 6, 2006. This award is given each year to a transit system for its innovative and creative service to the community, along with its responsiveness to customers and the needs of the community. Palm Tran was chosen for its outstanding efforts in serving the public over thousands of other transportation systems across the nation. Previous winners of this award include the Transit Authority of Louisville, Kentucky in 2005 and Orange County Transit of Orange County, California in 2004.

EDP GOES ELECTRONIC

Beginning August 1, 2006, all EDP forms and important EDP information will be available online, to existing and prospective EDP Employers and Members, at www.tri-rail.com.

Thanks to the new and improved format, for the remainder of 2006, all EDP Members who have a current 2005/2006 EDP Identification Card will have his/her account automatically updated. This automatic update means there is no need for you to renew ... a 2007 EDP ID Card will automatically be mailed out to your home address, no later than August 15, 2006.

Only EDP Members who have changed their home address prior to July 1, 2006, will need to contact the SFRTA/Tri-Rail Customer Service Center at 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245), to ensure that a new 2007 EDP ID Card is received. Stay tuned!